

Large school sites would also complement adjacent recreational sites in the betterment of total recreational space and facilities available for use after school hours and during the summer months.

As population increases in the next twenty years, more and more emphasis will have to be placed on localized recreation, entertainment and cultural programs and facilities. Mini parks have not been a trend in Kinston, but such facilities would help reduce and/or relieve the intensity of use of existing recreational areas and facilities. Mini parks require minimum maintenance cost and could be placed under the general control of the Kinston Recreation Commission. Developers of major subdivisions could be required by the Kinston Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to provide for and dedicate a fully equipped mini park to the commission for use by the residents of the major subdivision. Thus, only the upkeep or maintenance cost would be provided by the commission.

The City of Kinston does not have any one place or central facility that serves to accommodate major recreation, cultural and entertainment activities and functions. In 1960 a recommendation was made in the Land Development Plan that emphasized the development of such a facility. As of this date there has been little, if any, progress for evaluation of this project. A study should be encouraged to determine the feasibility of such a facility in Kinston.